

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, April 28, 2014. Mayor Frank North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:** Council Present: Fields, Volkert, Grasso, Brennan, Perno and Sperrazza. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

## **PUBLIC**

**Dick Leach-19 Alexander Avenue**-Water problem on the east side of the street, gutter area from 33 Alexander to end of Alexander at Chestnut, the water runs constantly into the street. Sump pumps from the condos between 39 and 43 Alexander, algae and trash catches everything in winter, it ices and gets as far as 10-12 feet into the street. 33 Alexander has a storm drain nearby and could be used to drain. Mr. Volkert will have the engineer look at area.

**Bill Walker-23 W. Cedar Avenue**-Where is council on the request to have Planning Board look at Block 4 (604 W Maple) possible rezoning? It has been pulled off table at this time.

Meetings-Caucus and Council will only meet on the second Monday of the month in May, June, July and August. An email will be sent as a reminder for the times.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Various use options for the community center and parks**-open to the public more, possibly hire a college student to oversee space, also consider having charcoal grills in both Wellwood Park and Community Center. Speak with JIF, maybe put basketball nets back up? Open M-F 8-8, S-S 12-8. Close at dusk in spring, summer and fall and close for winter. Mr. Grasso has possible Eagle Scout project to redo the Basketball courts. Review caretaker responsibilities and look at whole picture, consider fencing in the basketball courts and locking at night.

**Capital Review**-Dan, Ted and Anthony will meet and finalize budget.

**Consider hiring a meter reading person**- 4 hours, 2 days a week \$12.00, increase of 100% in payment.

**29 Volan Street**-parties are no longer interested in purchasing, it is blighted. Building inspection requested, it demolished last year. What are costs to demolish and take? Superior Court order to demo and take 18,000-20,000 cost. Consider taking property and subdivide to neighbors. Patti will talk to neighbors.

Resolution to be approved at this meeting

## **Resolution R14-54 Engineering Services for Curb Cut and Crosswalk Project**

On a motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mr. Grasso, Council approved the following resolution:

**R14-54**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SELECTING REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEER'S  
TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CROSSWALK AND  
CURB RAMP PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville selected Edward Vernick, PE, of Remington & Vernick Engineer's, as the Borough Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville desires to contract with Remington & Vernick Engineer's to attend the preconstruction meeting, inspect the areas as needed, coordinate with residents regarding impact of project and certify the completion of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville does hereby select Remington & Vernick Engineer's to provide the services as detailed in their April 24, 2014 proposal letter in an amount not to exceed \$3,320.00 but in no case more than 15% of total construction costs.

**Resolutions for agenda**-the following are business resolutions that will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

Read Budget by title only  
Budget  
Shared Service adjustment for CFO  
Shared Service adjustment for Tax Collector

**Ordinance for adoption**-the following ordinances will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

Amending Chapter 29 Fire Prevention  
COLA

**Ordinance for introduction**-the following ordinance will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

Bond Ordinance  
Salary

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mrs. Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK